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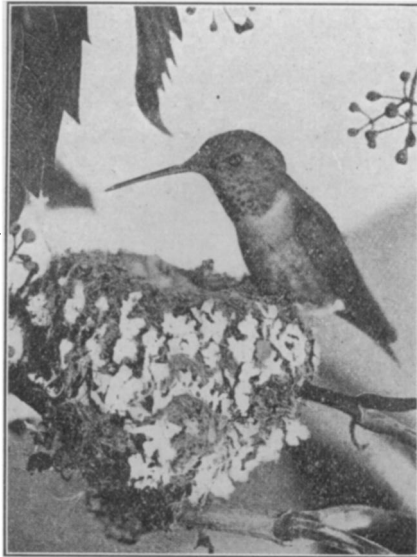
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American Birds Studied and Photographed from Life. By **William Lovell Finley.** xvi and 256 pp., 127 Photographs, and Index. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1907. (Price, \$1.50.)

The picture shown here is one of the numerous photographs of birds that enhance the value of this nature book. Perhaps most readers have seen humming-birds only when poised in mid-air or appearing and disappearing like a flash. But in this book we have photographs of the humming-bird's nest and eggs, the nestlings in all stages of their early experiences and the mother bird feeding her young. Both pictures and letterpress are a revelation of this sprite among birds.



HUMMING-BIRD ON THE EDGE OF HER NEST.

This is an unusual book worthy the attention of all lovers of nature. It does not include all the different bird families, but presents a series of 21 representative birds from the hummer to the eagle. Great pains were evidently taken accurately to report the habits and doings of birds both with pen and camera. It is easy to see that the material for this book was obtainable only at the expense of very careful study and long and patient waiting.

Henry Hudson. His Times and Voyages. By **Edgar Mayhew Bacon.** xii and 277 pp., 22 Illustrations, 3 Maps, and Index. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, 1907.

This monograph appears in the "American Men of Energy" series. The admittance of Hudson to this group depends upon the elasticity of the phrase forming the title. Probably his American explorations made him sufficiently an American for the purposes of this work. It is not to be expected that much new light can be thrown at this day upon Hudson and his explorations, but the author gives a very readable account of the man and his achievements and